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Madam Speaker, I urge all Members of the House to join me in cosponsoring the "Bridge Corrosion Prevention and Repair Act."

INTRODUCTION OF THE LOCAL TASK FORCES ON 21ST CENTURY POLICING ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Local Task Forces on 21st Century Policing Act, which would assist localities in carrying out the recommendations of the federal Task Force on 21st Century Policing and the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, both of which have detailed the need to strengthen relations between local communities and local law enforcement. The bill would provide grants to local governments to create local task forces on 21st century policing to bring police, representatives of the community and public officials together to identify best policing practices for local police and other ways to strengthen relations between the community and police departments. No new funds are needed. Existing funds from the Department of Justice would support local governments establishing the task forces by listing these task forces as an acceptable use of Byrne Justice Assistance Grants. Given the continuing controversy surrounding police shootings of unarmed African American men, with no solutions in sight, this bill is timelier every day.

The task forces, modeled after the federal Task Force on 21st Century Policing, would allow local communities to identify the best ways to create an effective partnership between local law enforcement and the communities they serve, while reducing crime, increasing trust and combating racial profiling. The task forces could create a partnership to implement practical policing practices acceptable to all concerned.

The creation of task forces could be an important step toward easing the tensions between local law enforcement and many communities. In addition, the task forces could serve to engage local law enforcement and local stakeholders in a transparent public problem-solving process instead of the current situation that encourages parties to choose sides.

I ask my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN SPRAGUE FOR HIS 30-YEAR CAREER WITH THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Kevin Sprague for his 30 years of service with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Over the last three dec-

ades, Kevin's steadfast devotion to the Soo Locks and the Upper Peninsula has ensured the economic and operational success of the locks and made him an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

A graduate of South Lyon High School and Lawrence Technological University, Kevin worked as a mechanical engineer in the private sector before joining the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in June 1992. Throughout his 30-year career with USACE, he served as surveyor, Assistant Chief of the St. Mary's River Section, Chief of Soo Lock Operations, Chief of Facility Maintenance Branch, Assistant Soo Area Engineer, and Soo Area Engineer—a position he has held for 12 years.

Kevin's efforts have played a crucial role in the success of the Soo Locks, which is a vital infrastructure system for not only the Great Lakes region, but the entire country. His leadership overseeing the operations and ongoing expansion of the Soo Locks have greatly benefited the region.

In addition to this project, Kevin worked diligently to improve the Soo Area Office to benefit his coworkers and community. This included reorganizing the local office to provide more opportunities in professional development, improving budgetary capabilities, and addressing safety concerns for workers. Over the pandemic, he also assisted in converting three storage containers into intensive care units (ICUs) for those affected by COVID-19. These efforts brought needed relief and assistance to the local community, and USACE's collaboration with local medical exports helped this project become a huge success.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Kevin Sprague for his 30 years of service with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such a dedicated and selfless citizen. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Mr. Sprague all the best in his future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE JOHN F. DEBRUHL

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and achievements of the Honorable Judge John F. DeBruhl of Galveston, Texas.

John F. DeBruhl was born a slave on November 14, 1841, in Columbia, South Carolina. He was later sold and brought to Texas. In June 1861, he married Alice V. Taylor from Parkersburg, WV, and together, they raised and educated seven children in Galveston.

John DeBruhl was well known and respected in his community and was appointed one of the first black Reconstruction Justices of the Peace in Galveston, Texas. He also served as County Court Judge and twice served as a Galveston City Alderman alongside luminaries like N.W. Cuney. He was a prominent member of the Republican County, State and National Conventions. His leadership efforts led to his nomination as a candidate for the United States Congress.

John DeBruhl presided over diverse court cases with important issues during Recon-

struction Era Texas and had a substantial impact on the early history of Galveston, Texas. Numerous state newspapers reporting on his judicial rulings, official meeting notes, op-eds and community speeches are still available to read today.

When the Grand Lodges of the Negro Free Masons were expanding into the South, John DeBruhl was a founding member and officer of the Galveston Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons of Texas.

John DeBruhl was also instrumental in organizing the "docks" of Galveston to ensure black men could work and in better conditions. Moreover, John DeBruhl was a founding member of the "Black Stevedores" in Galveston.

Judge John F. DeBruhl is remembered as a man of purpose, honor, and an unwavering determination for the betterment of African Americans during one of the most tumultuous times in American history, the Post-Civil War Reconstruction years.

Judge DeBruhl's enduring legacy as a champion for education, equality, activism, and duty was passed on to his family. The phenomenal life of the Honorable John F. DeBruhl was nearly lost to history without the persistent and intentional efforts of his great-granddaughter Dr. Nanette DeBruhl. The research done revealed a life of extraordinary accomplishments and whose influence has reached across time to impact today's Texas.

RECOGNIZING THE CONGREGATION KNESETH ISRAEL OF ELGIN, ILLINOIS ON THEIR 130TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 13, 2022

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the Congregation Kneseth Israel (CKI) of Elgin, Illinois for their 130th anniversary. The Congregation provides spiritual support to a diverse and growing Jewish population throughout areas in and around my district, including Kane, McHenry, DuPage, DeKalb, and Northwest Cook Counties. Marking CKI's 130th anniversary is a fitting way to honor the lasting impact of its exemplary efforts to build and strengthen community, foster inclusive environments, and give back to those in need.

CKI has been a spiritual anchor for the community since 1892 when a small group of Jewish residents organized the first Illinois synagogue west of Chicago. However, the roots of the Jewish community in Chicagoland go back even further. In making Illinois their home, Jewish settlers were a critical part of the group of farmers, merchants, and tradesmen that laid the groundwork for the region we are so proud of today. CKI is an important part of this history, and I am honored to stand here in recognition of the Congregation's continued efforts to meet the needs of the surrounding community.

Since its founding 130 years ago, CKI has demonstrated a commitment to serving others that stands as an example to all of us. Through education initiatives for adults and children, youth and senior interest groups, and through its worship services, CKI positively